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This book, an updated publication of the National School Boards Association Council of School Attorneys, is designed to help school board members and administrators effectively obtain and work with a competent school lawyer. Following the foreword by Benjamin J. Perrone, contents include the following articles: (1) "Development of the School Attorney's Role: How We Got Where We Are" (Benjamin J. Perrone); (2) "Inside or Outside? Considerations in the Decision to Employ In-House or Retain Outside Counsel" (Patricia J. Whitten); (3) "Selection, Recruitment and Retention of School District Legal Counsel" (Melanie Gulley Kenney and Peter G. Walkowiak); (4) "Attorney Fee Structures" (Melanie Gulley Kenney and Nancy Fredman Green); (5) "Working Effectively with a School Attorney: Some Practical Suggestions" (Benjamin J. Perrone); (6) "What to Expect of a School Attorney" (Edgar B. Bailey); (7) "The Role of the School Attorney in Policy Matters" (Ralph D. Mawdsley); (8) "Historical Evolution and Modern Function of Bond Counsel" (National Association of Bond Lawyers); (9) "The School Attorney as a Preventive Law Practitioner" (Margaret A. Childress and Benjamin J. Perrone); (10) "Issues for School Districts When Represented by Insurance Counsel" (Nancy Fredman Green and Gary R. Thune); (11) "Legal Ethics: Some Important Aspects of the Attorney-Client Relationship" (Nancy Fredman Green); and (12) "Evaluation and Termination of School District Counsel" (Margaret A. Childress). Appendices include sample policies, job descriptions, an engagement letter, a contract for special counsel, and an evaluation form. (LMS)

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